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## Chairman

Health and Human Needs

Combined Community Services  
Board

Vision for Vliet Task Force

## Milwaukee County Committees

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Personnel

## Memberships

National Associations of  
Counties (NACo)

National Organization of Black  
County Officials

Milwaukee County Friends of  
Africa, Inc.

## Community Involvement

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Back-to-School Festival Board,  
Founder

Holy Redeemer Institutional  
Church of God in Christ,  
Member



## Dear Friend,

Thank you for your comments and opinions regarding this ENEWS-10 Publication. It has given me a renewed spirit as a public servant by having this vehicle of communication. This ENEWS-10 gives me the opportunity to be in touch with you; it allows me to share my voice on issues and concerns and when you reply I listen! So please keep emailing me to let me know what you like and what you don't like.

In each edition, it is my goal to educate you on what's going on in Milwaukee County and particular the 10<sup>th</sup> District.

## Milwaukee County Department of Aging

Let's take a look at the Milwaukee County Department of Aging whose role to take care of our elders in the community is so very important. Stephanie Sue Stein is the Director and is known across the State and USA as an advocate and voice of Seniors. The Aging Department is doing great things, they truly advocate and support our Seniors.

They manage the older adult centers like the Bernice & Clinton Rose, Washington Park and the Kelly Center. They administer the meal nutrition sites, where Seniors can go and eat a nutritious meal and they also carry out the Meals on Wheels Program for our Seniors. Our Department of Aging is a one-stop resource for the aging in Milwaukee County. The Milwaukee County Board recognizes our Senior Statesman's each year, below please find our representatives.

**10<sup>th</sup> District of Milwaukee County: Senior Statesman**  
**Veronica Newson and Marina Plazas.**



## ***Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Back to School Festival***

Let me share with you another parcel of my life as your Milwaukee County Supervisor of the 10<sup>th</sup> District. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Back to School Festival is a very important event in this county and it is also near and dear to me. I started the Festival over 12 years ago. **The founding members were: Kaylynn Blackwell, Vanessa Key, Pastor Joseph Ellwanger, Tom "TJ" Jackson, Kara Muhammad, Rep. Leon Young, Maxie Addison, Lawrence Kenny and Jim Tiejten.**

We met and pulled together because we were stakeholders in the Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Community Center and Park. We wanted to do an event to bring families to the park for an enjoyable day. Unfortunately, in the early 90's people held negative stereotypes of the park because it had some challenges. We put together our creative ideas, thoughts and voices and it just flowed. Our first event was called the "Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Back to School Family Reunion Picnic." Coca Cola/Sprite, Milwaukee County Parks, Former County Executive F. Thomas Ament and I funded this first event. We had all of our families volunteering together to make this happen. We had about 200 people in the park. That was our first event! Over the years our growth from a task force to a 501©3 Board of Directors can be attributed to the leadership and board development given to this event through the works of our former Chairman Michelle Crockett.

As of last year after eleven years, the task force has become the King Advisory, Inc. Board, a 501(c) 3. It has grown from 200 hundred people in the King Park in 1994 to over 20,000 people in the King Park. We gave out over 6,000 book bags with school supplies for children to give them a great start for the school year. But over the years we have given out **over 30,000 book bags.** We are the historical motivation of the "Back to School" events occurring throughout Milwaukee County and we are happy that everyone is coming back to school events. Our children need as much as we can give them to be appropriately and academically prepared. Now that I have shared the historical starting of the past with you, let me share the present.

As we stake out the course of the **Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Festival in 2006**, we thank our present board members many who started out the very beginning of this journey. **King Advisory, Inc. is presently made up: Jacqueline Crymes - Chairman, Kaylynn Blackwell - First Vice-Chairman, Norvell Addison - Second Vice-Chairman, Felicia Dickerson - Secretary, Vanessa Key-Treasurer, Minister Quincy Johnson, Radolph Matthews, Charles Reese, Paul Mackey and Nancy Hahn.**

### ***WE NEED YOU VOLUNTEERS & VENDORS!***

**To make this event happen, we need at least 500 volunteers to assist the week of the Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Back to School Festival.** Attached, please find the invite to our volunteer and vendor kick-off graciously sponsored by Eugene Smith of Gene's Supper Club on June 21, 2006. Gene's Supper Club has been a Bronze Level Sponsor for the past five years. Also you will find the volunteer sign-up form attached. Please email a completed form back to me at [ecoggsjones@milwcnty.com](mailto:ecoggsjones@milwcnty.com) or fax to me at 414-223-1380.

## **Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Back to School Festival Time Line of Events**

- \* June 21, 2006**      **Volunteer Kick-Off event**  
**Please come and sign up for volunteer opportunities.**
- \* August 9, 2006**      **11:00am – 6:00pm**  
**Help with book bag packing. Loading the book bags with the school supplies**  
**Lunch and snacks will be provided**
- \* August 10, 2006**      **11:00am – 6:00pm**  
**Finishing the book bag packing.**  
**Lunch and snacks will be provided**
- \* August 11, 2006**      **Final Details**
- \* August 12, 2006**      **11:00am – 6:30pm “THE FESTIVAL”**  
**Volunteer at the actual festival. Many choices to volunteer to work in! The**  
**food area, beverage area, children’s area, game area, 3 on 3 basketball game,**  
**youth talent, raffle, or lost & found. All volunteers who work this day will be**  
**asked to attend a one-hour orientation event in July. Volunteers will receive a**  
**box lunch, T-shirt and one book bag.**
  
- \* August 13, 2006**      **10:00am – 3:00pm**  
**Park Clean-up and packing, spend an hour on this day assisting with cleaning**  
**the park. You can also assist in packing and organizing equipment, tools and**  
**supplies to be utilized next year.**